

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 2A wherein reference numbers (102A, 104A, 107A, 108A) are added for the boxes encompassing the “Disk” and the “Host”. A copy of annotated sheet along with replacement sheet is enclosed. This amendment is in conformity with the description of the drawings in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Acceptance of the amended drawing (Fig. 2A) is respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments

In the February 16, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 11 and 15-22. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing these claims. Examiner also indicated that claims 5-7, 9-10 and 26 will be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 12-14 and 25 were considered allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection under 37 CFR 1.75 set forth in the office action. Claim 24 was considered allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph set forth in the office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-10, 12-14, 23-26 and 28 under 37 CFR 1.75, rejected claims 27-28 under 35 USC § 101, rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yang et al (6,256,446) and claims 8 and 23 under 35 USC 103(a).

Applicant has amended Claims 5-7, 9-10, 12, 24-26 in response to the Examiner's objections. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-4, 8, 23 and 27-28 to expedite prosecution. Allowable Claims 5-7, 9-22, 24- 26 are now pending of which Claims 5, 9, 11 and 24 are independent claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patentability of the claims of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Specification

In the specification, various paragraphs have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

In amended Figure 2A, reference number "102A, 104A, 107A and 108A" have been added to the boxes encompassing the "Host" and "Disk" of the system. Insertion of these reference numbers is in compliance with the requirements specified by the Examiner. A copy of annotated sheet along with replacement sheet is enclosed. Applicant requests waiver of objection to the drawings.

The Examiner also desired providing a descriptive legend for the state machine figures. Figures 3C1, 3C2, 3C3, 3C4, 3C5, 3C7, 3C8, 3C9, 3C10, 3D1, 3L3, 3L5A-

3L5C, 3L6A-3L6D, 3L7A-3L7B, 3L8, 3L9A-3L9B and 3L11 relate to various state machine diagrams. Descriptive legends for each of these have already been provided in the original drawings submitted with the application on July 15, 2003. Applicant therefore respectfully requests waiver of this objection.

Rejection under 37 CFR 1.75

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 23-26 and 28

There were various informalities in the claims 1-10, 12-14, 23-26 and 28. The Examiner objected to these claims and desired correction of various informalities. Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 8 and 23, and amended Claims 5-7, 12 and 24-26 to correct the informalities. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of pending claims 5-7, 9-10, 12-14 and 23-26.

Rejection Under 35 USC 101

The Examiner rejected claims 27-28 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting these claims, Applicant has canceled these claims in order to expedite the issuance of the pending claims of the present application.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112

Claims 3, 4 and 24 were objected to being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as invention. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled. Claim 24 has been amended to clearly define the inventive aspects of the invention. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of allowable Claim 24.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1-4:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 as being anticipated by Yang et al. (6,526,446). While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting these claims, Applicant has canceled these claims in order to expedite the issuance of pending claims of the present application.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 8 and 23:

The Examiner rejected claim 8 as being obvious over Yang et al in view of the background of Connery et al. (US 5937169). The Examiner further rejected claim 23 as being obvious over the background of Boucher et al (US 6389479) in view of Yang et al. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting these claims, Applicant has canceled these claims in order to expedite the issuance of pending claims of the present application.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes Claims 5-7, 9-22 and 24-26 are allowable, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (949)-955-1920.

Respectfully submitted,

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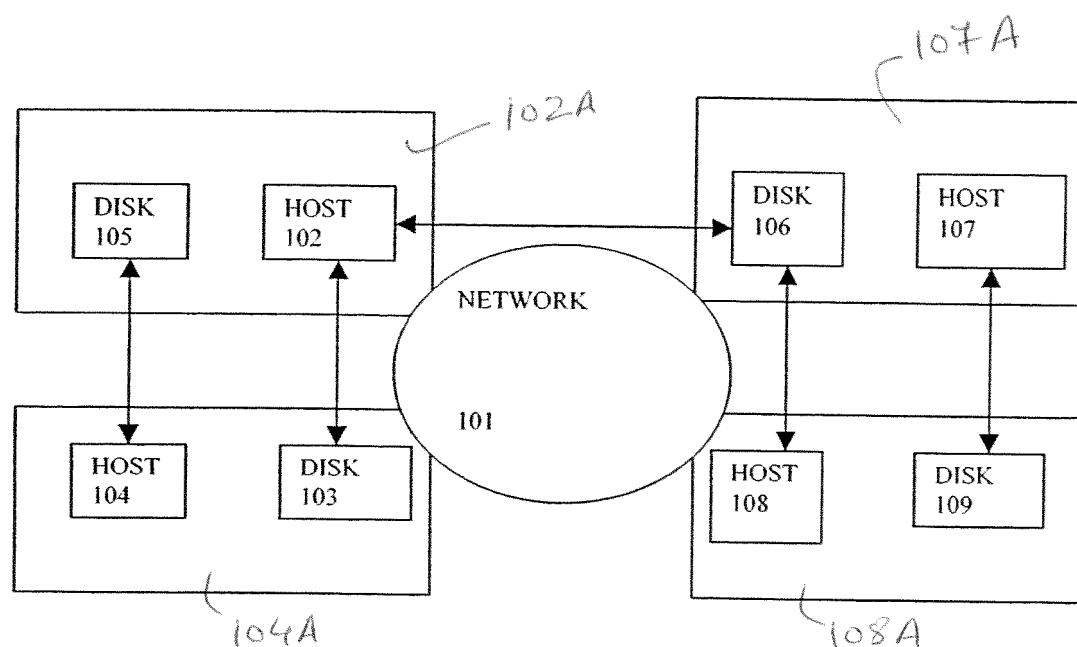


FIGURE 2A

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